Summary of discussion.—(*b*) Shanbhogs and patels may be allowed a Potgi of five and four per cent, respectively, as in Bombay instead of four and three per cent as at present.

Reply of Government.—The rates cannot be raised.

Subject No. 97
Amildars' enquiries into Revenue matters to be formal.

Summary of discussion.—In connection with applications regarding land, grant of copies, and water-supply, no dates for formal enquiries are fixed by Amildars nor are enquiries made accordingly. As in Criminal and Civil Courts, dates should be fixed and enquiry formally held.

Reply of Government.—The present practice leads to no practical inconvenience and cannot be disturbed. Cases of delay may be brought to the notice of Deputy Commissioners.

Subject No. 98
Kulwar chits from growers of arecanut.

Summary of discussion.—Owing to the peculiar conditions of the Malnad and to the great distances between houses therein, Kulwar chits from the growers of supari may be accepted in lieu of such chits from patels, who are not easily found. Moreover patels act upon information furnished by the raiyats themselves.

Reply of Government.—The present rule is based on good grounds and cannot be altered.

Subject No. 99
Koleroga of arecanut trees.

Summary of discussion.—This disease not only requires early investigation and remedy, but some special concession is also called for in favor of persons whose supari crop has materially suffered from it. Some machinery which can take the place of coolies who are not easily had is likewise desirable.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

Subject No. 100
Wet Remission.

Summary of discussion.—The rainfall has been scanty during the last one or two years. Remissions may be allowed not only in the case of lands which either lay waste or yielded no crop during those years, but also in that of lands which may remain uncultivated this year for failure of timely rains.

Some of the members said that they would pay 50 per cent extra assessment for the second crop, if remissions are granted as in British Territory. Several others joined and pressed for remissions. Mr. Nanjunda Rao asked as an alternative that the wet assessment be revised and reduced with reference to the present water value.

Reply of Government.—A general scheme of annual remissions is opposed to the principle of our survey settlement and cannot be sanctioned. Special cases of hardship due to drought are shown some consideration. Nothing more can be done.

Subject No. 101
Use of tank water for lands classed as Bagayet.

Summary of discussion.—Bagayet lands assessed at higher rates than wet lands may be allowed the free use of water from the tanks under which they are situated, when-